



Tradin' Crows

December 2024 Edition



City of Rogue River

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City Hall Hours:

9:00 am to 5:00 pm,
Monday - Thursday and
Closed to the Public on Fridays.

City Council Meetings:

Held on the 4th Thursday
of every month at 6:00 p.m.
in the City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Workshops:

Held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays
at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall
Council Chambers

See Calendar (page 2) for other
meetings

Mayor: Pam VanArsdale

City Council Members:

- Sharie Davis
- Grace Howell
- Vacant
- Barb Hilty
- Sherrie Moss
- Barb Gregory

Planning Commission Members:

- Dean Stirn
- Jay Chick
- Dee Copley
- Jonna Strauss
- Mark Minegar
- Ed Hudson (Alternate)
- Brandy Lockwood (Alternate)

City Administrator: Ryan Nolan

Chief of Police: Dave Rash

Public Works Director: Michael Bollweg

City Council Update

Mayor Pam VanArsdale opened the November meeting, followed by an invocation provided by Pastor Dale Schaffner. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor asked the Councilors to give their committee reports. The Council took action on the following agenda items:

1. Approved Resolution 24-1441-R increasing the employee Christmas bonus from \$150 to \$200.
2. Continued the hearing on Ordinance 24-433-O, an Ordinance amending the City's Flood Damage Prevention Code to implement FEMA requirement related to compliance with the Endangered Species Act, to February 27th at 6pm.
3. Accepted the City's Tree City Committee November 14th Meeting Minutes.

Due to the Christmas Holiday the December Council meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m.

*The Mayor, City Councilors, Planning Commissioners, Staff and all
the many wonderful volunteers that make the City succeed want to
wish you and your families a Safe, Blessed, and Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

TREE CITY USA:

We are looking for volunteers who enjoy our parks and city trees. You are invited to join us! We maintain the trees in the City parks, such as Palmerton Park Arboretum, John F. Fleming Memorial Park, Rooster Park, Plaza Park, and others. We work closely with the Rogue River Public Works department and appreciate their assistance. We do weeding and pruning, plant trees, put Tree ID markers on the trees, add wood chips around the trees, celebrate Arbor Day with elementary school children, give public tours, and much more. If you're interested, please contact City Hall at 541-582-4401 or stop by on Broadway Street for an application. Thank you very much.

*The free leaf pick-up program will end on **December 27th!***



Public Works vacuum staff are out and about picking up leaves as their daily schedule allows them. There is no set schedule or route.

Please be patient with our Public Works Crew. They work hard to keep our City looking good and working well.

Goodbye Fall, Hello Winter!



Mayor's Corner

DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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JANUARY						
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Gosh, how did it get to be nearly the end of the year already?!?!? I hope all of you are more prepared for the holiday season than I am. I'm one of those that won't start Christmas decorating until the day after Thanksgiving so when Thanksgiving is as late as it is this year, I start out feeling way behind. On the upside though, it's a good excuse to leave it all up a little longer.

A big thank you to all of those that supported our Charter amendment! It's a relief to know that we'll be able to start 2025 with a strong and productive city council. We do still have one vacant seat so if you'd like to join our team, stop by city hall for an application.

May your holiday season be filled with light, laughter and love.

Respectfully Yours,
Mayor Pam

*Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.*
-Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-92)



Schedule of Events December 2024



3rd	9:00 am	Safety Committee
5th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
10th	10:00 am	Planning Commission Meeting
12th	11:00 am	Tree City, USA, Committee
19th	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop
19th	6:00 pm	City Council Public Meet'
24th	10:00 am	Planning Commission
25th	CLOSED	CLOSED Christmas Day
26th	6:00 pm	City Council Meeting

First Week of January 2025

1st	CLOSED in Observance of New Years Day	
2nd	10:00 am	Council/Staff Workshop

Have you been to Rooster Park lately?

If not, you are missing out on a beautiful mural! It was created and added to the park in honor of Wanda Nesbit who founded the Mural Society in 2008. The mural depicts Wanda holding her familiar tray of cookies. Cookie sales were one of the many ways she, with the help of many volunteers, funded the murals that adorn our city.

On the left of the mural there is an awesome recreation of the view of the Rogue River from the bridge. On the right there is a beautiful portrait of the iconic rooster.

The mural was painted by Bob Eding who has been a valuable member of the Mural Society since the beginning.

Add a visit to Rooster Park to your day, this mural is a must-see!

HOW'S THE NEW ONLINE BILL PAY OPTION GOING?

Over 175 water and sewer customers have signed up for online bill payment, about half have signed up for AutoPay and the other have signed up for the online bill pay option. We are also able to take credit card payments at City Hall now. If you choose you can get paperless billing, and we can even still send you the Tradin' Crows Newsletter digitally.

Rogue River Christmas Project

Throughout the town of Rogue River there are Red Christmas bins where you can donate canned goods and children's toys to families in need.

The Red Christmas bins are located at:

- Rogue River Community Center
- Ace Hardware
- Dollar General
- Umpqua bank
- Tarasco's
- Evergreen Bank
- City Hall

Requested donations include but are not limited to (full list is on the bins):

- New Toys
- Canned Food
- Toilet Paper
- Soaps
- Cooking oils
- General Sugars

A great project put on by the Rogue River Community Center.

THANK YOU!

